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WASHINGTON CITY ECHOES

Brother J. C. Cassel, of Philadelphia, was with us yesterday, (Sunday) and delivered two very edifying discourses on the subject of holiness, using as a text, II Cor. 5: 21. Both meetings were fairly well attended and favorable impressions were made. We can not overestimate the doctrine of holiness as set forth in the scriptures. And I am so glad to see a growing tendency among our people in the direction of this most vital, biblical doctrine. Without this (holiness) no man shall see the Lord. Heb. 12: 14. Most positive declaration, indeed.

And to a people who hold to the strict observance of all gospel symbols and ordinances it is pre-eminently fitting that they place much stress upon the subject, yea, even upon the absolute essentiality of sanctification, or holiness. Sometime since I wrote an article on this subject which was published in the EVANGELIST, in which I emphasized the importance of holding to the ordinances. Since then I have learned that some were impressed by reading that article that I did not accept the doctrine of holiness, or rather that I advocated ordinance—keeping as constituting holiness at least in part.

I write this to correct that false impression.

I am free to confess that I am a "stickler" for all of the gospel ordinances as observed by and in the Brethren church, but I hold them as essential only to that extent that what they represent is first an actual and positive experience in our lives, otherwise, instead of washing feet etc., proving a blessing to us, they work out our condemnation.

Before we can ever know much of real blessing in keeping the ordinances of the gospel we must believe God's word with reference to the non-imputation of iniquity,

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(Ps. 32: 1, 2) and the imputation of His own righteousness etc. II Cor. 5: 21; Heb. 10: 19-23; Rom. 4: 3; Philip 3: 9, etc.

These "exceeding great and precious promises" we must first positively, emphatically, definitely accept *through faith*, even reckoning ourselves dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6: 11.

Beloved, since I have been able to grasp this most wonderful truth of God's word all of the ordinances have altogether a new meaning to me, and have become intensely real, inspiring and uplifting.

But I did not expect nor intend to write on this wise at this time, and yet these "Echoes" could not give forth anything more important. The true doctrine of holiness when rightly understood will keep us from getting discouraged and give us joy and peace more than tongue can tell.

Let none oppose the real doctrine because many have held up a false standard.

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

Your servant in the gospel,

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CHICAGO LETTER

It has been some time since I have written to you all, not because I did not think of you, for I did and trust you will not forget me and the great cause here in the city, the work that we have started here and are building up. True, it is slow, many things to fight against and to overcome, but God is present with us. While at this writing we can report no new accessions to the church, new faces are present at services. The Lord blesses, and scattered seed will find root, not all will be lost. Some are very much interested. Pray that they may have the courage of their convictions and take Christ as their captain and king.

May 19. Tonight we held a cottage prayer meeting at the home of Brother and Sister Meling's. Sister M. has not been able to be with us for some time. A little pair of twins, (a boy and girl) takes all her time and attention with other children and household duties. We had a grand meeting. It was good for us to meet together in His name.

LAST SUNDAY

We felt good and rejoicing. Interest, enthusiasm and fair attendance made our hearts beat with gladness. May the blessed Lord continue this growth and increase the number, blessing the Sunday school, K. C. and preached word, and fill us with the Holy Spirit. A few of our Sunday school scholars who have been very faithful in attendance nearly ever since we started here, have moved away; some to Ohio, some to another part of the city. We miss them, but may God bless them to grow up to be virtuous men and women. We must teach the little ones.

Thousands of Cuba maps have been sold lately, even to people who knew comparatively nothing about the island, but since war

has come upon us and there is the scene of battle, people want to know something about it; what direction it lies from us, its size, how it is surrounded, etc. Some have sons, fathers and husbands there on battleships; they want to know where it is, and how to go there. They have become interested and want to understand about it, and it is right they should. Yet there is a better place than Cuba. The picture and maps are in the Bible, and also terms and conditions of the wonderful plan of reaching that beautiful country, the haven of rest. In this book do we have a faithful record of what is necessary to obtain a glorious home there. In this record are the great duties and privileges of righteousness and godliness, the prohibition of all impiety and wickedness, of pride and covetousness, of fraud and injustice, of perjury, lying and dissimulation, of fault-finding, hatred, cruelty and oppression. At the same time finding the strict injunction of sobriety, humility and contentedness, of truth, justice and fidelity; of universal love and charity. Ought we not to possess a thing so rich and lovely? Not only to own one or more, but to have possession of its treasure and richness in our hearts, that we might know the Author and owner and have a right to dwell in his land for it is free and whosoever will may have their portion and dwell with Jesus, Father and Comforter. We need not argue about Cuba and the surrounding islands, persuasion is not needed for men (and women if it was theirs to go) to take up arms and march to battle. The call comes and is immediately answered. But, to battle for the victory of eternal life it takes much persuasion and pleading and teaching. Thus we are trying to do here in our mission work. Christ was a patient, faithful teacher, himself the embodiment of what he taught. What we want is faithfulness in our labor the Lord and his cause. May God help us to live in that faith, that precious souls may take the Bible and live by it rejoicing in the way of the good God.

Come, it does us good.

The other Sunday morning Brother Strayer of Hudson, Iowa, made us a pleasant call and enjoyed the services with us. The next Lord's day a new face at School, when greeting her she said, "I belong to the brethren at Cornell, Ill. Miss Hannah Ullom, and wanted to visit our mission here." She was used in Sunday school and K. C. work, she took hold and helped us, spent the day. She labored on the South Side and will visit us often as convenient.

Paul was glad after his shipwreck, upon arriving at Puteoli to see the brethren. So are we. Come!

The EVANGELIST was read with interest as it always is. It could not be otherwise with the wholesomeness it contains. Especially did we notice Brother Hammon's letter and the U. B. Bro's proposition about the acre of corn for the mission cause, and his acceptance of it. Come let us keep up the cause. If I had any prospect of an acre of corn, the Lord's cause should have it, but I